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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert -- claim 1 --.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 5 [when appended to claim 3 or claim 4] in which said data defining said transformation does so by reference to a predetermined reference waveform sequence and the transformation approximates that which would transform a first displacement vector, extending from a first time point on said reference waveform sequence to a corresponding time point on the waveform to be synthesised, to a second displacement vector extending from a second point, successive to the first, on said reference waveform sequence to a corresponding second point on the waveform to be synthesised.

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